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SUBJ: HANOI AND VC COMMENT ON ELECTIONS

1. AFTER HAVING WOUND THEMSELVES UP IN ANTI-GVN ELECTION HARANGUES BEFORE SEPT 3, HANOI AND VIET CONG ARE UNWINDING IN A PREDICTABLY DERISIVE FASHION WITH THEIR POST ELECTION COMMENTARIES.

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2. MOST HANOI AND VC COMMENTS ARE TYING IN THE NEW NLF POLITICAL PROGRAM WITH DENUNCIATION OF THE "FRAUDULENT" GVN ELECTION "FARSE." COMMENTS POINT OUT THAT THE GVN ELECTIONS

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ARE INVALID, THAT THE FRONT IS THE "SOLE GENUINE REPRESENTATIVE" OF THE SVN PEOPLE, AND THAT THE NEW FRONT PROGRAM FULFILLS THE ASPIRATIONS OF ALL INHABITANTS OF SVN. HANOI AND VC HAVE ALSO ADDRESSED THEMSELVES TO THE SIZE OF THE VOTER TURNOUT ASKING WHERE SO MANY VOTERS COULD MATERIALIZE FROM SINCE THE FRONT CONTROLS TWO-THIRDS OF SVN POPULATION. INVECTIVE AGAINST THIEU-KY IS ANOTHER ROMINEENT FEATURE OF HANOI-VC MEDIA TREATMENT WITH HANOI DISMISSING AS "CLAMOR" THIEU'S STATEMENTS THAT HE IS INTERESTED IN HOLDING "'PEACE TALKS'" AND "'IN MAKING CONTACT WITH HANOI'". BUNKER

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